

Today's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK, DUDELL STREET.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!
Under the Distinguished Patronage of
H.E. the Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
K.C.M.G., F.R.G.S.,
H.E. Major-General WILSON BLACK, C.B.
GRAND MILITARY CONCERT,
by the
Full Band and Drums and Files of the (P.W.O.)
West Yorkshire Regiment and Pipes.
(By kind permission of Col. C. S. Gordon and
OFFICERS of the Battalion.)

SEATS may be Booked at W. ROBINSON'S
Music Rooms, Queen's Road.

Admission, 5s. Reserved Seats, 10s.

SAM MARKS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (6)

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1, 165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zeland Street, THIS EVENING, the
16th instant, at 8.15 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (133)

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

SEASON 1896-97.

THE SECOND CONCERT of the SEASON
will be held in the THEATRE THIS
EVENING, the 16th of January, at 9.15 P.M.
By kind permission of Captain CHICHESTER
and OFFICERS, the BAND of H.M.S. *Immortalité*
will be in attendance.

Chairman—Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD.
WILLIAM S. FROWD, R.N.,
Honorary Secretary.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (134)

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES OF
"LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE,"

ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:—

SATURDAY, the 15th February, 1897.

MONDAY, the 17th February, 1897.

SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1897.

MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897.

WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, 1897.

SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1897.

Full particulars as to Booking, &c., will be
given later.

E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (134)

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL
PROPERTY and INTEREST of our
RATTAN FACTORY at YAU MAI have been
SOLD under date of 30th November, 1896,
to

THE EASTERN RATTAN WORKS.

Mr. WILHELM WAECHTER has been
appointed MANAGER of the New Firm.

SCHIELE & Co.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (135)

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"POLYPHEMUS,"

Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (1977)

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON,"

Captain Gardner, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 18th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. (1355)

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

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HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

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made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th Jan. 1897. (1427)

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters in Editorial matter to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, and, in some cases,
by a signature.

While the contents of the Hongkong Telegraph will always
be open to the free discussion of all questions
relating to public interests, it is not to be considered that
the Editor assumes any responsibility for the opinions
expressed in this paper.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest
Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. (6)

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, January 14th.

Mr. McKinley has appointed Senator Sher-
man Secretary of State.

FRANCE.

France prohibits the entry into the country of
any exports from India, or elsewhere, which are
capable of conveying the germs of bubonic
plague.

(From *L'Avenir du Tonkin*.)

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

PARIS, January 6th.

325,000 people have died from Bombay to
avoid the plague.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

PARIS, January 6th.

The Spaniards hope to pacify the west of
Cuba before February.

INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, January 5th.

M. Doumer, the new Governor-General of
Indo-China, will leave on the 17th instant for
Sigon.

Mr. Lucien Faure, Marine Commissioner, is
appointed Chief of the Cabinet, Mr. Hols,
Deputy head-clerk at the office of the Ministry
of Colonies, is nominated Chief Assistant, Mr.
Sargues, clerk at the office of the Ministry of
Finance, is nominated Private Secretary. Com-
mander Nicolas, Capt. Lacoste and Lieutenant
Dabois are appointed attachés.

(From *Bangkok Observer*.)

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, January 5th.

M. de Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador, has
taken up a markedly reserved attitude towards
the Sultan, and has insisted upon the publica-
tion of and official denial of the report that he
was present at Salonika.

PUNJONS.

The Secretary of the Punjon Mining Com-
pany, Limited, advises us that he has received
the following telegram giving the result of the
December 15th clean-up:—

"The payable plant worked 65 days yielding
350 tons of millable material, 500 tons of millable
material, and 100 tons of millable material, of an
average assay value of 1.10 per cent."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The appointment of Mr. Paul May as second
secretary of the Belgian Legation in Tokio is
announced.

THE Smoking Concert Club's second concert
of the season will be given in the Theatre Royal
to-night, at 9.15 p.m. when the Hon. T. H.
Whitehead will preside.

THERE are ten newspaper editors in the House
of Commons, six printers, four tailors, three sta-
tioners, two butchers, three hotel-keepers, six
tenant farmers, one coal merchant, and one cab
proprietor.

THE following is the programme of music to be
played by the West Yorkshire Band at the
Skating Rink to-night, at 8 o'clock:—

1.—March "Lorraine".....Grave.
2.—Overture "Marmion".....Waltz.
3.—Pizzicato Duet "Nightingale and Blackbird".....Klug.
4.—Three Dances.....E. German.
5.—Ballad Music from "William Tell".....Rossini.
6.—British Army Quadrilles.....Julien.

We are glad to see that the goal posts on the
Club football ground at Happy Valley have been
renewed, as the old ones were so damaged and
sickly that the cross bar frequently came down
altogether when hit by the ball. Doubtless
many of the local goal-keepers can vouch for the
above fact, as our reporter has seen more than
one of them hit by the old bar during a match.

AUTHORITIES in naval matters attribute the
frequent failures of French warships to changes
of naval administration, each new one having
its particular hobby to ride. The blame for over-
weighting, unwieldy ships is therefore not to be
laid to the construction, but rather upon the
superiors who, during their brief period of autho-
rity, make radical changes in vessels under
construction, and as a rule no armed vessel
which takes years to build in a dockyard is any-
where near the original design when finished.

JAPAN, says the *New York Morning Register*,
contemplates the commercial world with the eye
of a coming conqueror. Her shipping and other
enterprises are to control the Pacific, Asiatic, and
Australian trade and the rest must soon follow.
Contemplation is pleasant, but to conquer in
commerce is a most difficult undertaking, and
many fighters fall by the way. Success is a
good backer, but Monte Cristo's first success did
not make the world his, as he declared when he
struck away from the Castle d'If.

THE aggregate tonnage of the steamers now
being built in England to the order of various
Japanese concerns is said to reach upwards of
90,000 tons. The following are particulars
concerning this great increase of the Japanese
Merchant Marine:—

No of Approximate Steamers Tonnage.	
Nippon Yusen Kaisha.....10	50,000
Osaka Shosen Kaisha.....7	17,000
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.....2	4,000
Toyo Kisen Kaisha.....4	20,000

A NIGHT signal system for sea use has been
invented by an officer in the Austrian Navy.
The apparatus was constructed so far back as
15 years ago and good results were obtained. At
a trial made at Pola, a naval port in Austria, in
November last. Two lamps of 200 candle-power
each are used containing five systems, namely,
a fixed white light, a fixed red light, a white
flashlight, a red flashlight, and red flashlight.
Thirty signals, therefore, can be given with two
of these lamps, which are visible at a great dis-
tance. Weighting-power is not required in the
mechanism, which is in no way affected by the
ship's movements.

KEEPERS of poultry in the vicinity of the Naval
Hospital will do well to see that their fowl-
houses are in order and all entrances closed at
dusk, as yesterday afternoon a large civet cat
was seen crossing Queen's Road just to the east
of the hospital gate. Furs was a remarkably
fine specimen of this species and, although a good
many rickshaws were about, he trotted calmly
across the road as though he were well used to a
crowded thoroughfare. Civet cats are most
dangerous neighbours for keepers of poultry,
owing to their habit of killing fowls for the
mere sake of the blood. As many as a dozen
fowls have been known to be killed by one cat
in a night, and once they discover an easy en-
tered fowl-house they return nightly, to the dis-
may of the fowls and the great loss of the
poultry farmer.

ACCORDING to the *Scientific American* there is
to be found in the Poissamintasse in Berlin a
"penny-in-the-slot" cage. The place of the
ordinary counter is taken by a row of ornamented
cabinets, which have a dial on which are placed
the necessary glasses, cups, and so on. All one
has to do is to place the coin in the slot and hold
the cup or glass under the tap bearing the name
of the liquor required. The new automatic coffee
house, does not stop at supplying drinks, but
sandwiches, cakes, hot and cold meats, chicken
and all the usual delicacies of an ordinary eating-
house are to be obtained by simply placing the
coin in the slot. This certainly sounds well, as
the machines would hardly ask one for a tip, but
on the other hand one cannot point out to the
machine that the beer is tough or ask for a little
extra mustard; and what is to become of the
comic papers should the waiter become extinct?
Again, suppose one of the machines accidentally
mixes the drinks, or, being looked at by a total
stranger, fancies, struck with and mixed to
reverse case! Dr. Cassell!

The Amer of Afghanistan has become a victim
of the cycling craze, but as he is averse to using
the energy necessary to propel a bicycle, a Lon-
don firm has built him a machine on which he
can ride in comfort while two attendants work
the pedals.

It was rumoured in sporting circles that the
entries for the Hongkong Races, which closed
at 5 o'clock this afternoon, were sure to be well
up to the average of the last three years. Others
laid bets that a record in entrance fees at Hong-
kong will be manifested as soon as the entries are
made public.

THE band of the West York Regiment will play
the following programme at the Officers' Garden,
Murray Barracks, to-morrow, at 12.30 p.m.:—

1.—Processional March from Ivanhoe.....Bullfinch.
2.—Sacred Chorus "La Carle".....Rossini.
3.—Nocturne No. 9, Op. 9.....Chopin.
4.—Volcans.....Mildred's Dream, Mendelssohn.
God save the Queen.

THE funeral of Corporal George Bates, R.E.,
took place at 4.30 p.m. to-day. The gun car-
riage bearing the coffin and draped with the
Union Jack bore a large number of beautiful
wreaths. Among the senders of wreaths were the
comrades of deceased, the petty officers' mess,
and Mr. Pinney. The officers commanding the
corps were present and the other branches of
the service were well represented. There was
no band in attendance and this unfortunate
circumstance caused a good deal of comment
amongst the comrades of the deceased, their
natural wish being that their late comrade
should be buried with full military honours.

We see by the latest copies of our Tonkin con-
temporaries that "scraping" is still going on
between French and Annamite troops and the
bands of pirates who have so long and so suc-
cessfully set at defiance the laws of the land
which a beneficent Government seeks to enforce
throughout the length and breadth of French
Indo-China. It appears from *L'Avenir du Tonkin*
of 6th January that news reached Hanoi
on the 6th instant that on the 4th a French force
managed to surprise Doc Tho, a notorious high-
wayman and pirate, and slew him. And because
this savage ruffian—whose record is said to be
simply an appalling series of outrages, murders
and crimes of the most diabolical description—
was killed our neighbours rejoice and would,
apparently, have the world believe that the time
is not far distant when pirates and brigands will
cease to cause anxiety to the Government. We
hope our neighbours are not counting their
chickens before they are hatched; but past
experiences of the recrudescence of piracy in
Tonkin should make them very wary about
emulating Isaiah or any other prophet either of
ancient or modern times.

THE following significant report was received by
the State Department at Washington from
United States Consul Sprague last month in
regard to the building of new naval dock at
Gibraltar:—"The continued increase of the
British navy in big battleships and cruisers
of formidable dimensions is urging upon the
Government the necessity of establishing, with-
out further delay, increased docking facilities for
their new specimens for naval warfare, not only
at home, but the colonies. Gibraltar has been
one of the coaling stations which has already
received the earnest attention of the Admi-
nalty, owing to its deficiency in dock
and other accommodations for the refit-
ting of warships, besides securing protection
from outward attack for the large
stock of coal that has to be kept on hand there.
The construction of new docks has already com-
menced there, with employment of about 4,000
workmen of all classes, who are daily kept hard
at work, under the special charge of superinten-
dents sent out from England by the Admiralty
authorities, who control everything connected
with this important undertaking, which is likely
to consume at least five years for its completion
and an outlay of several million pounds
sterling."

A RECENT issue of the *Scientific American*
contains an interesting illustrated article on
the Crater Lake of the Cascade Range of Oregon.
The lake is situated in the crater of an extinct
volcano and is elliptical in shape, being 6 miles
long by 4 miles wide. The surface of the lake
is 4,230 feet above level of the sea, the maxi-
mum depth being 1,995 feet. From the floor of
the lake rise three well marked conical cones,
two entirely under water and the third forming
Wizard Island, 545 feet high, and having its own
crater, 150 feet deep. The water of the lake is
so clear that the bottom can be seen at a depth
of over 100 feet. The lake was recently visited
by the Mazamas Society of Portland, Oregon,
and it was discovered that no fish were present
but there were several species of small crusta-
ceans and abundance of fish food. The lake is
to be at once stocked with trout. The most
important discovery of the Society was that
while the surface temperature of the water was
61 deg. Fahr., at 55 feet the minimum tem-
perature of 39 deg. was reached, and below
that the temperature gradually rose until
at the bottom, 1,950 feet, it was 46 deg.
This curious phenomenon is supposed to be
due to the presence of considerable volcanic
heat. The breadth and angle of the side so
the mountain show that where the lake now is
there must once have been a volcano at least
12,000 or 15,000 feet high. Undoubtedly by a
great subsidence (because the surrounding coun-
try shows no evidence of a great explosion) the
whole mountain crest disappeared and its place
is now occupied by the Crater Lake, which is
now known to be known as one of the
greatest scenic attractions of the country.

THE BALL AT THE R. N. DOCKYARD.

The first ball given by the employees of the
Royal Naval Dockyard took place at the quarters,
Queen's Road, last evening and proved an
unqualified success. The mess room and billiard
room were cleared for the purpose and made
excellent dancing accommodation. Decorations
of flags and shields of bayonets, cleaning rods
and revolvers embellished the walls and the
staircase was covered with broad ensigns, and
signal flags, and pot plants helped to make a
charming *bon ensemble*, the effect under the
electric lights being exquisite. On the staircase
the Royal Standard had a place of honour and
over the doorway was a scroll giving hearty
welcome to the visitors. Among the decorations
of the ball room were scrolls of blue with gold
letters wishing "Good luck to Commander
Henderson," "Success to our Commodore and
his Lady," "Prosperity to the Yard officers,"
"Success to our Admiral and his Lady," and
also the time-honoured reference to sweethearts
and wives. The Admiral, Lady Buller, Com-
modore and Mrs. Holland, Mr. Secretary
Lawford and the other naval officers were
received by Inspector McEwen, and as they
entered Sergeant Pickford gave them full High-
land honours with the bagpipes. Among the other
guests were Commander Henderson (Master
Attendant), Mr. Frowd, R.N., Mr. Carter (Ins-
pector of machinery), Mr. Martlew (Chief Bos-
teward), Messrs Sayer (Assistant Civil Engineer),
Oldham (superintendent Civil Engineer) and Oliver
(Assistant Engineer). There was also a large
attendance of naval and military officers, all
branches of the service being well represented.
An excellent string band supplied the music for
the dances and the programme was chosen most
judiciously.

Messrs Morton and Chaine were the
M.C.s and they discharged their duties
most efficiently. Inspector McEwen's quarters
were placed at the disposal of the ladies
and Mrs. McEwen, who acted as hostess, won
the warmest praise for her kindly attention to
the comfort of the fair sex.

The spacious balconies at the barracks made a
nice promenade and a smoking room and refresh-
ment room were also provided, the latter being
admirably conducted. Among the other guests
were Inspectors Whitchell, Mann, and Quincey,
and members of the Civilian police force.

The opening dance was a polka in which the
Admiral danced with Mrs. McEwen, Inspector
McEwen with Lady Buller, Commander Hol-
land with Mrs. Mann, and Mr. Lawford with
Mrs. Holland. Songs were sung by several of
the naval officers during the evening and
Sergeant Pickford supplied real Highland pipe
music at intervals. There were about 150
couples dancing and the utmost cordiality
prevailed throughout, the gathering being
more like a large family party than
anything else. This was the first dance the
Naval Dockyard people have given and cer-
tainly has proved a most successful and enjoy-
able gathering, reflecting credit on all concerned.
A word of praise is due to Sergeant Pickford
and the Dockyard police for the excellent and
tasteful decorations; the commanding officers,
too, are to be complimented on the way in
which they aided the executive officers of
the ball to make it successful. Mr. E. J. Richard
(secretary) and Inspector McEwen (president)
with their comrades were assiduous throughout
in seeing to their guests' comfort and pleasure.

Before the gathering dispersed, which was
in the "wee wee" hours of the night, some
sentiment was indulged in, several gentlemen
speaking in warm terms of the entertainment,
and the Inspector replied in a few suitable
words. As the last party left the Dockyard
choirs were given and the opinion un-
animously expressed that the first Dockyard
Ball was a most complete success.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders for Week ending 18th
January, 1897.

GENERAL.

Duties.

Orderly Officer for week... Lieut. W. K. Wylie.

Sergeant... Sergeant J. Bremner.

Friday, 18th inst.—Drills.

Practical Military Instruction at Head-
Quarters, 5.30 p.m. Blank Ammunition. Uniform
for both units: Khaki Drill, F. S. Caps, Puttees,
Side arms and Carabines.

Saturday, 19th inst.—Musketry.

Trained Soldiers Course for Members of both
units (with exception of Dock Detachment) at
Police Range, Kowloon. Muster New Pattern's
Wharf at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Free Ammunition.

Uniform for both units: Khaki Drill, Helmets,
Puttees, Side arms and Carabines.

FIELD BATTERY.

Drills.

In view of the forthcoming 7-p.m. and 6-p.m.
Competitions, there will be drill by Detachments
at under:—

No. 1 Detachment.

Wednesday, 5.30 p.m., 6-p.m.

Thursday, 9.00 p.m., 7-p.m.

No. 2 Detachment.

Tuesday, 5.30 p.m., 6-p.m.

Wednesday, 9.00 p.m., 7-p.m.

No. 3 Detachment.

Monday, 5.30 p.m., 6-p

Intimations.

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897, at 11:30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 21st day of January, 1897, at Half-past Eleven of the clock in the Forenoon, when the resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 25th day of December, 1896, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

A printed copy of the Resolution can be seen on application to the General Manager.

By Order, W. G. WINTERBURN, General Manager.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 21st January, 1897, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1896.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to THURSDAY, the 21st Jan., 1897 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1897.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 12th o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1896.

KUHN & KOMOR, JAPANESE FINE ART, CURIOS, 21 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG, and 35, WATER STREET, YOKOHAMA.

and 35, DIVISION STREET, KOBE.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"PYRRHUS," Captain Batt, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 16th January, 1897. [1019]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SHANGHAI. THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW," Captain Blackburn, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [151]

FOR SHANGHAI. THE Steamship

"PEIYANG," Captain T. T. Andersen, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [148]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SHANGHAI, VIA CHEFOO. THE Company's Steamship

"WHAMPOA," Captain Anderson, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [143]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"POLYPHEMUS," Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 18th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [1977]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI. THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG," Captain Dar s, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 19th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS (LAPRAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [152]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. JAPAN-AUSTRALIA LINE. MONTHLY SERVICE. (Under Mail Contract.)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY. (Calling at TUTICORIN on the homeward voyage.) THE Company's Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU," Captain J. M. Currow, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [145]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

"AUSTRALIAN," Captain Helms, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 21st instant, at 9 A.M. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures a plentiful supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 7th January, 1897. [98]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. To follow the S.S. *Aslow, Cloughall* and *Radley*. THE Steamship

"MORVEN," on or about the 25th instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEVIAN, TOMES & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [72]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Company's Steamship

"ORESTES," Captain Palford, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th instant. For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 15th January, 1897. [158]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. JAPAN-EUROPE LINE. MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP. THE Company's Chartered Steamship

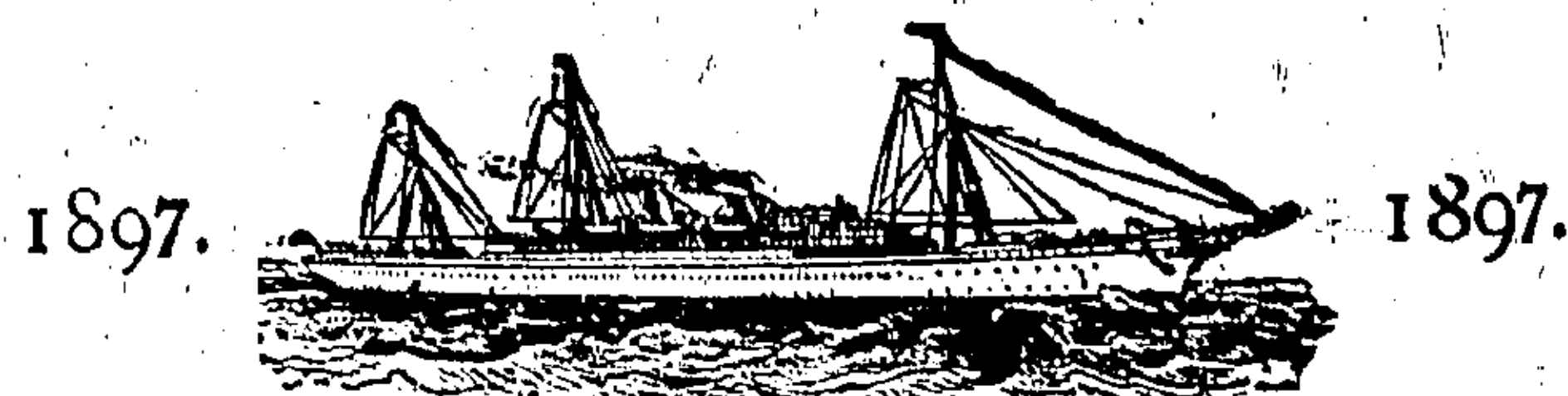
"STRATHFAY," Captain McKenzie, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th February, at 5 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [146]

S.S. "PORT ADELAIDE" to sail about 30th January, 1897.
S.S. "ENERGIA" to sail about 14th February, 1897.
S.S. "ATHATHLEVEN" to sail about 18th February, 1897.
A "WARRACK" Steamer, to sail about 19th March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL CARILL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [146]

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EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 20th January, 1897
EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th February, '97
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 17th March.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1896.

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THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belge (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 14th Feb., at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama) Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.

Gaile (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"BELGIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 14th February, 1897, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates, and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare on embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent. Hongkong, 16th January, 1897.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1896.

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HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225. Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Olympic [2,603] Tuesday ... [Jan. 19.]
Brasmat [3,501] Tuesday ... [Feb. 9.]
Tacoma [2,549] Tuesday ... [Mar. 2.]
Victoria [3,167] Tuesday ... [Mar. 23.]
Olympic [2,603] Tuesday ... [April 9.]

THE Steamship

"OLYMPIA," Captain J. Truebridge, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 19th January, will proceed to VICTORIA, (B.C.), and TACOMA, (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

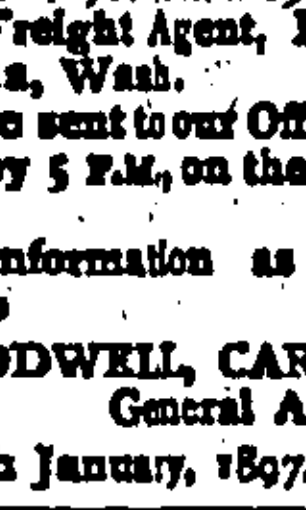
Through Bills of Lading issued in Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL CARILL & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1897. [4]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"ROSETTA," Captain F. N. Tildard, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 28th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Stow and Valuable, all Cargo for France, and for London (under arrangements) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1897. [5]

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich ... [2nd Feb.]
Prinzess Alice ... [2nd March.]
Sachsen ... [2nd March.]
Bayern ... [2nd March.]
Prinzess Alice ... [2nd April.]
Prinzess Alice ... [2nd May.]

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Cooper, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 30th Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on Monday the 1st Feb., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on Monday, the 1st Feb. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than 25 lbs and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1897. [98]

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